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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE [REDACTED] APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

- [REDACTED] 25X1
1. The shipping agent in Constanta, Rumania instructed [REDACTED] ship to go to Burgas. [REDACTED] 25X1
 2. [REDACTED] ship anchored at the entrance to the harbor [REDACTED] Because there was no room in the harbor, the ship waited, outside the port, for its turn to enter. The only ships not waiting their turns at this port are Soviet ships. Two Soviet vessels [REDACTED] had priority and entered the port. [REDACTED] 25X1
 3. Upon the arrival of [REDACTED] ship outside the port, the ship and crew were subjected, as in all Bulgarian ports, to inspection and control. 25X1
 4. As soon as the ship entered the port and moored alongside the quay, two sentries with fixed bayonets were posted at the bow and stern of the ship. A few hours later, the Captain was given pass cards which gave permission to go ashore. The cards were given (made out) in accordance with the crew list prepared by the ship. The Captain was permitted to go to the city from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. The crew was allowed ashore from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. The individual going ashore had to show his pass card and identification card to the sentry and exchange these cards with ones the sentry had. The sentry also searched the individual before he left. The crew was permitted ashore only after completing this procedure.
 5. [REDACTED] after an individual is far away from the harbor, he can walk about the city freely. 25X1

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6. [redacted] the port has the capacity to dock, along the quay, five ships, each 80 meters (260 ft.) long; and to load and unload these ships. 25X1
7. During good weather a tugboat towed the floating dredging machine to the area where the land is most narrow, between the outer harbor (Burgaski Zaliv) and the lake (Burgasko Zero), east of Burgas.¹ [redacted] a canal is being opened toward the lake. 25X1
8. [redacted]
9. In the port of Burgas [redacted] two unnamed Soviet freighter mentioned before. 25X1
10. On two different days [redacted] heard cannon fire from a distance. The salvo intervals were irregular (from six to ten minutes). [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] it was clear that the gunfire had come from behind the cape (Nos Atiya; M42-27, E27-35), where there were some yellow military buildings. These buildings cannot be seen from an eastern direction in the open sea. The cape (Nos Atiya) comes after the Island of Anastasiya when traveling in the direction of Sosopol (M42-25, E27-42).

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1. This is probably Burgas Lake, to the west of the port of Burgas.

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